

Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee

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Date:

Thursday 11 May 2006

Time: 9.15am to 12.30pm

Venue: Committee Room 1, Senedd

Report of Committee Visit to Ireland

Purpose

1. This paper invites the Committee to consider a report of its visit to Ireland, 30-31 March 2006.

Background

2. Following the report of its second inquiry on bovine TB, the Committee has received regular updates from the Minister on how the disease is treated and how farmers are compensated for its effects. With the imminent introduction of pre-movement testing and following an update on the work of the Wales TB Action Group, it was decided that a visit to Ireland should be organised in order to ascertain how the disease and its effects were being dealt with there. An outline programme of the visit is at Annex 1.

Report

3. A draft report of the visit to Ireland to investigate bovine TB is at Annex 2.

Recommendation

4. That the Committee considers the report of its visit to Ireland and discusses any recommendations it wishes to make to the Minister.

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Committee Chair

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